Citizens Equity First Credit Union (CEFCU) has a long history of assisting its membership in securing adequate financial support for higher education. CEFCU recognizes the benefits to the entire community when opportunities for a college education are within the reach of deserving and talented students. In recognition of CEFCU's commitment to higher education and Illinois State University's ongoing educational excellence, the CEFCU Member Appreciation Scholarship has been established.

Up to three $1,250 scholarships may be awarded each year to students meeting the criteria specified below. Payment will be made on behalf of the recipient to the Illinois State University Scholarship Resource Office. The CEFCU Member Appreciation Scholarship is a nonrenewable award.

This completed application must be submitted by May 1. Return it to: Scholarship Resource Office at Illinois State University, Campus Box 2320, Normal, IL 61790-2320. The Scholarship Resource Office is responsible for the selection of scholarship recipients. Scholarship selection will be made after June 1, 2013.

All applicants must meet the following eligibility and scholarship criteria:

1. Applicants must be enrolled or have applied and been accepted for enrollment at Illinois State University as a full-time student (12 or more semester hours) in an undergraduate program of study. Applicants must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University.

2. Recipients must be a CEFCU member with at least six months of membership at the time of application. Recipients must be and remain members in good standing and in good social standing, as determined by CEFCU's leadership team.

3. Recipients must have a minimum cumulative or transfer GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Preference is given to students with demonstrated financial need, although the scholarships are not solely based on financial need. In order to establish need, a student must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Scholarships will be available to all students regardless of age, race, sex, or program of study. The scholarships will not be available to CEFCU employees, current/former CEFCU officers and director/volunteers, or immediate family members of current/former CEFCU officers and director/volunteers. Immediate family members are defined as related by blood or marriage to a parent, spouse, child, sibling, or grandparent.

Note: Applicants must not have previously received a CEFCU Member Appreciation Scholarship.
Student/Member information

Name: _______________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _______________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________________________________

University ID Number: ____________________________

CEFCU Account Number: _______________________________________

Are you eligible to receive tuition reimbursement or college-related assistance from your employer? Please circle:  YES  NO

If yes, please provide the name of your employer? ________________________________________________

What is the amount of the reimbursement provided? ________________________________________________

Does applicant have any family members who are current/former CEFCU officers or who serve(d) as a board member or board volunteer?

Please circle:  YES  NO

If yes, please name the individual and indicate the relationship: _______________________________________

I consent to allow the Illinois State University Scholarship Resource Office to share financial aid information with the scholarship committee and perform a disciplinary records check for the purpose of determining eligibility for the scholarship. I also consent to allow CEFCU or Illinois State University to use my name in press releases and/or other mediums to promote CEFCU Member Appreciation Scholarships and CEFCU.

Student’s signature __________________________________________  Date __________________________

I understand that in submitting this application, a background investigation involving inquiry into matters such as, but not limited to, my character, general reputation, and personal characteristics may be undertaken by CEFCU. For this purpose, I authorize CEFCU to obtain an investigative consumer report from a third party.

Student’s signature __________________________________________  Date __________________________

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CEFCU
Is the applicant a CEFCU employee, current/former CEFCU officer and director/volunteer, or immediate family member of current/former CEFCU officers and director/volunteers?
Please circle:  YES  NO

*If yes, then the applicant is not eligible for this scholarship.*

Is the applicant a member in good standing with CEFCU?
Please circle:  YES  NO

Illinois State University SRO
Is the applicant enrolled/accepted for enrollment for Fall 2013 at Illinois State University?
Please circle:  YES  NO

Hours enrolled: ______   Undergraduate level:_______   GPA:_____

Disciplinary record check (Y/N and date) _______